

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Republican Women of
Williamson County upon the organization's
fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize those estimable citizens who work to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens through their involvement in the political process; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable individuals is the Republican Women of Williamson County (RWWC), a laudable organization that is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year, marking five decades of devoted service to the Republican Party and the citizens of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1968, seventeen women from Williamson County chartered the Republican Women of Williamson County, affiliated with the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, these charter members included Yvonne Herbert, Jamie Kestner Carr, Allynne Armistead, Mrs. Robert Cawthon, Mrs. Sidney Cox, Mrs. James Haynes, Mrs. Bill Hunt, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. James V. Kestner, Mrs. Virgil Lequire, Mrs. Paul Locke, Nellie Boyce Magli, Mrs. Dewitt Owen, Mrs. Robert W. Yafrate, Mrs. John Youmans, and Mrs. Billie Crowell, who served as the first president of the RWWC; and

WHEREAS, the current board members are Suzy Beck, president; Ashlee Button, first vice president; Denise Birnbaum, second vice president/membership; Denise Morrison Boothby, treasurer; Tamela Soltis, corresponding secretary; Debbie Goodloe, recording secretary; and Brenda Davis, past president; and

WHEREAS, the RWWC has provided strong leadership for Williamson County since 1968, with members serving as elected officials at the county, state, and national levels; these include Congressman Marsha Blackburn, SEC Women for Williamson County's Rebecca Ann Burke, past chairman of Williamson County's Republican Party Julie Hannah and current chairman Debbie Deaver, County Commissioner Barbara Sturgeon, Franklin Alderman Bev Burger, election commission member Phyllis Streiff, school board member Candy Emerson Lawson, and Director of the Commission for Children and Youth Brenda Davis; and

WHEREAS, the organization is an active member of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, having won the prestigious diamond award numerous times over the years, most recently for the 2015-2017 interval; and

WHEREAS, an engaged, civic-minded group of women, the RWWC honors veterans each November with a special program and financial donation to an organization that supports veterans and also participates in voter registration drives and book drives for local public libraries; and

WHEREAS, the group also holds monthly programs, during which political leaders share their vision for a growing, changing Tennessee and authors of interest speak on their latest publications; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Women of Williamson County is an organization that strives toward bettering the lives of the citizens of Williamson County and has successfully done so for five decades; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the Republican Women of Williamson County on the occasion of the organization's fiftieth anniversary, extending our gratitude for the group's continued community involvement and our best wishes for its continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.